

Everything stuck to him

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SUMMARY



Okay, it's when you
were little.. I was 18 and your
mom was 17..



I was living in a house under a dentist's office. Your mom and I cleaned up the office and did the chores for money/housing...We were ambitious and happy. We had a big plan for our future even though we didn't have money for it.



One day, I called my friend, Carl, to tell him about the good news, you. Then we set up a time to meet up to go hunting. We planned to go the next day. However, all night long, you kept on crying.



In the morning, your mom
was scared that you would be sick.
She told me not to go hunting. Annoyed, I
just ignored her and went out the door
with my equipments. When I was outside, I
shoveled the snow off the driveway.
Then I thought about my
actions..



I knew I was doing the wrong thing. So I decided to go back in the house. When I went back in, you and your mom were sleeping on the bed. I went off to cook breakfast when your mom woke up and hugged me in the back.



We apologized to each other. We promised
to never fight again.





Wow! That was
interesting!

But things change..



- What did you think about the fact that the couples were still teenagers when they had a baby?

- could have still been immature, not stable, not appropriate to a stable family yet

- Why do you think that the narrator/father picked this scene to explain to his daughter?

- to explain the bond the parents had
- sense of hope and future
- to show the significance of the baby in the parents' relationship

- What do you think will happen to the daughter's future relationships/ marriage?

- realize that she must overcome the harshness of the outside world
- care about family the most
- not marry early

- What is happening at the part where the boy and girl cook for each other? What does it symbolize?

- shows that they are stable people and care for each other too much to let each other go
- cooking to show their love for each other

- What do you think about the fact that the author didn't give names to the characters?

- author did this to emphasize the themes, not the people in the story
- to explain and show the stability in their home even after a dispute

Important Passage

“She put a plate in front of him with bacon, a waffle. He spread butter and poured syrup. But when he started to cut, he turned the plate into his lap.

I don't believe it, he said jumping up from the table.

If you could see yourself, the girl said.

The boy looked down at himself, at everything stuck to his underwear”

Important Passage Analysis

- This quote symbolizes the title of the short story, which is “Everything Stuck to him.” When the boy spills the waffle plate into his lap, it implies that reconciliation and happiness is “stuck” to him because the scene itself is a happy scene where the boy and the girl settles the dispute.

Controversial Passage

We won't fight anymore, she said.

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I was interested, she says.

He shrugs and carries his drink over to the window. It's dark now but still snowing.

Things change, he says. I don't know how they do. But they do without your realizing it or wanting them to.

Controversial Passage Analysis

This passage implies that “we won’t fight anymore” have “changed” according to him. This shows that the couple have separated even though they didn’t want them to, due to certain reasons because the boy recalls.

Confusing Passage

But he stays by the window, remembering. They had laughed. They had leaned on each other and laughed until the tears had come, while everything else - the cold, and where he'd go in it - was outside, for a while anyway.

Confusing Passage Analysis

- This passage implies that the “cold” represents the “outside world,” which means the sadness and hardships follow in the outside world. However, in the inside, inside the home, the boy and girl feel comfortable and bond to each other well, which implies the warmth and love between the couple.

Theme I

- Ordinary life of a sweet loving family that brings happiness.
- “He marveled again at the infant who had half his features and half the girl’s. He powdered the tiny body. He powdered between fingers and toes.”
- -> Short passage the shows everyday routine of their life, which is cute and full of love.

Theme 2

- Outside's harshness and the insider world's tenderness.
- “They had leaned on each other and laughed until the tears had come, while everything else - the cold, and where he'd go in it - was outside, for a while anyway.”
- -> Even though the world outside is harsh and cold, the loving family keeps the hardships away from them.